

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) Windshield wiper device, in particular for a motor vehicle, with at least one wiper arm, which can be attached to an end area (21, 51) of a shaft (20, 50) by means of a fastening part (23, 31, 41, 53, 61, 71, 81) that is attached to it, characterized in that the fastening part (23, 31, 41, 53, 61, 71, 81) is provided with a reinforcing element (24, 30, 40, 54, 60, 70, 80) for optimal transmission of torque, in that the fastening part (53, 61, 71, 81) completely encloses the reinforcing element (54, 60, 70, 80) from the outside, and in that the reinforcing element (54, 60, 70, 80) is a supporting ring.
2. (Original) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reinforcing element (24, 30, 40, 54, 60, 70, 80) features a diameter to which it is symmetrical.
3. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reinforcing element (24, 30, 40, 54, 60, 70, 80) is attachable to a shaft (20, 50) whose end area (21, 51) is conical.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1 Claim 5, characterized in that the reinforcing element (54, 60, 70, 80) features a polygonal outer contour.

7. (Currently Amended Original) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1 ~~Claim 5~~, characterized in that the reinforcing element (54, 60, 70, 80) features an opening with a round inner contour that is provided with a smooth inner wall.
8. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1 ~~Claim 5~~, characterized in that the reinforcing element (54, 60, 70, 80) is fit into the fastening part (53, 61, 71, 81) via a press fit.
9. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reinforcing element (70, 80) can be axially caulked.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to ~~Claim 10~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the supporting ring is a metal part, in particular a turned part or a diecast part.
12. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to ~~Claim 10~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the supporting ring is an insert, around which it is possible to injection mold with plastic to manufacture the fastening part (~~23, 31, 41~~, 53, 61, 71, 81).
13. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 2, characterized in that the reinforcing element (24, 30, 40, 54, 60, 70, 80) is attachable to a shaft (20, 50) whose end area (21, 51) is conical.
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)
18. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 6, characterized in that the reinforcing element (54, 60, 70, 80) is fit into the fastening part (53, 61, 71, 81) via a press fit.
19. (Previously Presented) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 7, characterized in that the reinforcing element (54, 60, 70, 80) is fit into the fastening part (53, 61, 71, 81) via a press fit.
20. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 11, characterized in that the supporting ring is an insert, around which it is possible to injection mold with plastic to manufacture the fastening part (~~23, 31, 41~~, 53, 61, 71, 81).
21. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the fastening part has therethrough an opening through which the reinforcing element extends.
22. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 21, characterized in that the fastening part includes a surface defining the opening, the surface completely surrounding and contacting the reinforcing element around the entire reinforcing element.
23. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 21, characterized in that the reinforcing element forms a protuberance that prevents the reinforcing element from sliding out of the fastening part.
24. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 21, characterized in that the opening in the fastening part has a polygonal contour, and the reinforcing element has a complementary polygonal outer contour.

25. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 21, characterized in that the reinforcing element extends through the opening in the fastening part such that, when the fastening part is attached to the shaft, only the reinforcing element directly contacts the shaft.
26. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that, when the fastening part is attached to the shaft, the reinforcing element is the sole part between the fastening part and the shaft.
27. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reinforcing element is symmetrical on any diameter.
28. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the reinforcing element is annular.
29. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 21, characterized in that the reinforcing element is symmetrical on any diameter.
30. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 29, characterized in that the reinforcing element is annular.
31. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 30, characterized in that, when the fastening part is attached to the shaft, the reinforcing element is the sole part between the fastening part and the shaft.
32. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 21, characterized in that, when the fastening part is attached to the shaft, the reinforcing element is the sole part between the fastening part and the shaft.